Mr. Venkataramana Sastry and others.—The drainage and the water-supply of Chamrajnagar are very unsatisfactory and something must be done in these matters.

Third Member of Council.—Water-supply scheme has been sanctioned.

Mr. Venkataramana Sastri and others.—Only Rs. 8,000 have been sanctioned, and that is just enough to repair a breach. It is not enough to push a scheme through. The town is progressing and this is all the greater reason why satisfactory water-supply arrangements should be made. At present, we have to depend only on one pond for all the water that we require. The estimate for drainage comes up to Rs. 53,000. Where can the Municipality find so much money. So, if the temple funds can be given to us as a loan, we will try and execute the works and repay it by easy annual instalments.

Dewan.—A good lot has already been spent and more cannot be spared just at present.

Mr. K. Venkatasamiah and Mr. Dorasami Iyengar.—True, Sir. But all that has been spent was on account of the breach which exists even now, so that the expenditure has not been fruitful of results.

Dewan.—How is it possible to give money every year? Anyhow the Chief Engineer will come and inspect the town and submit proposals for the improvements of its water-supply. On receipt of his report, the matter will be further taken into consideration.

SUBJECT, No. 164.

Railway line to Chamraj nagar.

Messrs. Siddagangappa, Ramasamudra Municipality; Venkatasamiah, Dorasamiengar, Chamrajnagar Taluk; K. Venkatasamiah, Mysore District Board; K. V. Narain Rao, Nanjangud Municipality; E. Krishnappa and V. Bandaiya, Nanjangud Taluk.

Messrs. Venkatasamiah, Dorasamiengar, E. Krishnappa, V. Bandaiya and C. Narasimiah.—The opening of a railway line to Chamrajnagar was ordered and the work which was put in hand has now been stopped. The same may be ordered to be taken on hand again. If not now, we fear, it cannot be done at any time. Already about a lakh of rupees has been spent on the line, and so we request that it may soon be completed. If Government cannot afford to incur the expenditure, we request, however much against our will, that the work may be entrusted to the District Board who will raise a loan for the purpose. Since His Highness was graciously pleased to promise orders, we had very high hopes, but that was not to be to our misfortune.

First Member of Council.—There may not be objection to this proposal. The District Board may take all the receipts for themselves. Proposals in this behalf may be submitted.

Third Member of Council.—That was, I think, the original proposal.

Second Member of Council.—The original estimate was for 17 lakhs, but for the present 12 lakhs would be enough.

If the District Board can meet this expenditure, the construction of the line may be taken on hand urgently, and you can have out of that a railway line and station as also engine power and rolling stock.

Mr. C. Narasimhaïya.—The District Board has levied the Railway-cess with this object in view and during the past four years, have been able to collect about 40 or 50 thousand rupees. Perhaps the work takes about a year and within that we will have collected another 10 or 12 thousand rupees.

Second Member of Council.—It requires two years.

All Members from Chamrajnagar and Nanjangud Tluks.—We are agreeable, Sir, and thankful to Government.

SUBJECT No. 165.

Improving the supply of water to Karigala tank and the irrigation under it.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggadevankote Taluk.

Mr. M. Subba Rao.—From the frontier up to our taluk, that is for a length of about 70 miles, the Kapila flows and passes right through the middle of the taluk, and Nanjangud Taluk only is benefited. In our own taluk, not a pie's worth of land is under wet cultivation under this river. We wanted an *anicut* at Bidarahalli and it took 10 or 15 years for the proposal to come up before the Assembly for discussion. Estimates and projects were ready, but in the end, the department complained of want of funds. Then we wanted an *anicut* across the Bhrugu river which flows within a distance of 20 miles from our taluk. Repairs have not been properly effected to the Lakshmanapur *anicut* which has breached. But all these are benefiting only the Nanjangud Taluk. Our taluk has no benefits conferred on it, though a very important taluk, there being about 1,000 or 1,500 acres of wet land and the rest dry. All these belong to the Hanagode series which are 100 miles or over in length. Our taluk is just on the roadside and though the population of the taluk itself is not much, yet many from outside come and reside in it. When the Karigala tank breached, that is, in the year 1898-99, repairs and improvements were ordered to be effected and a sum of about Rs. 50,000 was also sanctioned. We had reason to believe, then, that sluices would be repaired, *nalas* would be improved, and so on, and never withheld payment of the last pie of the assessment due from us. The Hanagode series gets water only towards the end of August or even the beginning of September though the sluice is opened in June, as it is only when all other tanks are filled that the Karigala tank gets water. And in December, the supply of water closes so that, in fact, we get the supply for only four months. The result is that cultivation is little helped and the raiyats turn their attention from wet cultivation to gingelly, jola, ragi, etc. We, therefore, earnestly pray to Government that